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SUBJECT: OFFER OF ADAMS STATE COLLEGE ACAPPELA CHOIR TO PERFORM AT UNESCO.

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- 1. MRS. HAZEL FOBES, WIFE OF DEPUTY DG, HAS ASKED IF USDEL CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE IN MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR THE ADAMS STATE COLLEGE ACAPPELA CHOIR TO PERFORM AT UNESCO ON JULY 8. MRS. FOBES INDICATED THAT RANDOLPH JONES, CONDUCTOR OF THE CHOIR, WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM AT UNESCO AS PART OF A EUROPEAN TOUR. THE UNESCO STAFF ASSOCIATION AND THE UNESCO COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION (CHAIRED BY MRS. FOBES) WOULD SPONSOR THE EVENT AND PROVIDE ALL LOGISTICAL BACKING.
- 2. THE CHOIR IS ASKING ONLY THAT IT RECEIVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COVER LODGING FOR ONE NIGHT STAY IN PARIS. AS THERE ARE 65 IN THE CHOIR, THIS WOULD COME TO APPROXIMATELY \$2,000.
- 3. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN YEARS SINCE ANY US ATTRACTION, EXHIBITION OR OTHERWISE HAS PERFORMED AT UNESCO AND IN VIEW OF CURRENT DELUGE OF SOVIET PERFORMING GROUPS (SEE REFTEL) IT WOULD BE IN US INTEREST TO HAVE SOME US PRESENCE. AT THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STAGE ALMOST ANYTHING OF REASONABLY GOOD QUALITY WOULD

BE A PLUS. AMERICANS IN THE SECRETARIAT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET DOMINANCE OF CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS AND EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO PRESENT SOMETHING AS A COUNTER BALANCE, MORE TO INDICATE US INTEREST IN UNESCO, THAN TO TRY TO COMPETE ON THE BASIS OF QUALITY.

- 4. PERMDEL SHARES THIS VIEW AND WOULD URGE DEPARTMENT FAVORABLY CONSIDER THIS REQUEST. FUNDS WOULD GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHOIR AND NOT TO UNESCO.
- 5. RECOMMEND CU CONSIDER PROVIDING ONE DAYS FUNDING FOR THE ADAMS STATE CHOIR ASSUMING IT MEETS STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE REQUIRED FOR DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE. RUSH

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